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May 12, 2008

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Land Exchange and Boundary Modification
Sault Ste. Marie Management Unit – Chippewa County
Land Transaction Case #20020099

Applicant: Charter Township of Kinross, Kinross, Michigan

Township Land Offered In Exchange: Parcel A – Chippewa County, Kinross Township, T45N, R01W, Section 31: the SW ¼; EXCEPT for the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of said Section 31; AND EXCEPT for a parcel with a Point of Beginning at the NE Corner of the SW ¼; thence S 850 feet; thence W 750 feet; thence Northwesterly 1,290 feet to a point 2,000 feet W of the Point of Beginning and 500 feet S of the E and W ¼ Line; thence N 32° 32' 11" W 129.64 feet; thence S 71° 11' 20" W 84.56 feet; thence N 9° 27' 26" W 21.06 feet; thence N 32° 42' 34" W 169.21 feet; thence N 50° 58' 54" W 269.5 feet; thence N 71° 58' 2" W 165.24 feet; thence N 0° 34' 39" E 29.21 feet; thence S 89° 36' 32" E, 2,912.52 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 82.5 acres more or less.

Appraised Value: \$90,000.00

State Land Desired In Exchange: Parcel B – Chippewa County, Kinross Township, T45N, R02W, Section 24: A parcel of land located in the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ and in the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of said Section 24, described as follows: Commencing at the SW corner of said Section 24; thence Northerly along the West line of said Section to the Northwesterly right-of-way (ROW) line of southbound Highway I-75 for the point of beginning (POB); thence Northeasterly along said Northwesterly highway ROW line to the Westerly ROW line of the abandoned Soo Line Railroad; thence Northeasterly along said Westerly railroad ROW line to the Southeasterly ROW line of abandoned Highway US-2, currently County Road #63; thence Southwesterly along said Southeasterly abandoned highway ROW line to the said West section line; thence Southerly along said West section line to the POB. Said parcel, as described, contains 9.56 acres, more or less.

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Parcel C – Chippewa County, Kinross Township, T45N, R02W, Section 26: That part of the N ½ of the NE ¼ of said Section 26, lying South and East of the I-75 Corridor, containing 32.83 acres more or less.

Parcel D – A 66-foot-wide by 1,477 feet long public roadway easement from Gaines Highway to Kinross Township property, as indicated on the attached maps.

Appraised Value: \$54,708.00

Authority: Part 21 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources' (Department) May 27, 2008 Calendar and is eligible for approval on June 3, 2008.

Comments: The desired State-owned and offered Township properties are all located in the Kinross area.

The offered 82.5 acres of Township land is identified on the attached map as Parcel A. This property is bordered to the north by the Kinross International Airport, and to the south and west by State-owned land. The parcel is heavily wooded with gently-rolling topography. Access is gained by forest road over State-owned land. The property is located adjacent to the current Sault Ste. Marie Management Unit project boundary, which will be modified to include this parcel. The parcel blocks in well with the adjacent State-owned land.

The Township desires three separate parcels from the State. Parcel B is a partially-wooded, level parcel that is bordered to the north by County Road 63, to the east by a railroad spur, to the south by the I-75 corridor and has several highway and utility line easements running through it. Parcel C is a partially-wooded property with the I-75 corridor serving as the northwestern border and 1,320 feet of frontage on S. Kinross Lake Road serving as the eastern border. Parcel C was reviewed by Department staff, and was approved for disposal as a Class 3 parcel as part of the Phase II Land Consolidation Review and approved by the Director on June 2, 2005.

Parcel D is a public road easement desired by the Township along an already existing roadway. The easement will provide access to a block of Township owned property.

This transaction will contribute to the Department's Land Consolidation Strategy, and enhance forest, recreation, and wildlife management potential by acquiring lands which block in with other State-owned properties while disposing of lands that do not.

The desired State-owned lands were acquired by tax reversion in 1930 and 1939 and with State Game Funds in 1939.

The proposed exchange was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on April 26, 2007. The Mineral and Land Management Section staff of the Department's Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division has determined that it is appropriate to exchange or dispose of the State-owned mineral rights.

- Recommendations:
- (1) That the exchange be approved, under authority of Part 21, Act 451 of 1994, as amended, with the State reserving aboriginal antiquities.
 - (2) That the Sault Ste. Marie Management Unit project boundary be modified as shown on the attached map.

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I approve the staff recommendations.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

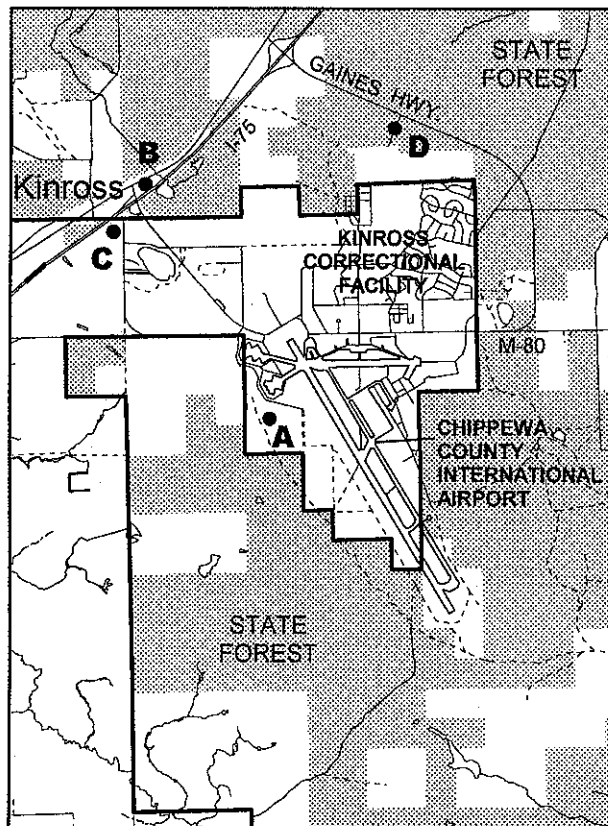
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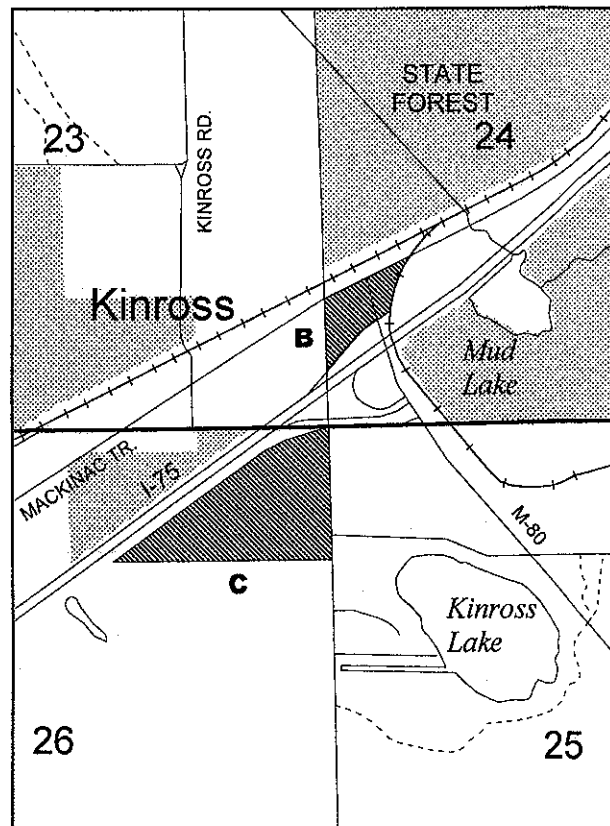
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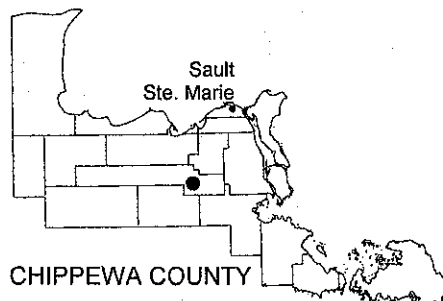


Regional Location



Sections 23,24 and 26, T45N, R02W
Kinross Township

- State Forest Boundary
- ▨ State Land Desired from DNR in Exchange (42.12 acres)
- ▤ State Land
- Private Land



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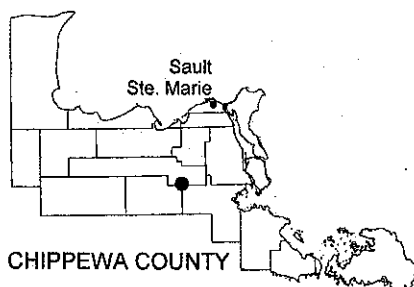
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